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# *Data Developments*

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## **Current Population Survey, February 1997: Contingent Work Supplement**

*[machine-readable data file] conducted by the U.S. Bureau of the Census for the Bureau of Labor Statistics. --Washington: The Bureau [producer and distributor], 1997*

### **Type of File**

Microdata; unit of observation is individuals within housing units.

### **Universe Description**

The universe consists of all persons in the civilian noninstitutional population of the United States living in households. The probability sample selected to represent the universe consists of approximately 59,000 households.

### **Subject-Matter Description**

Data are provided on labor force activity for the week prior to the survey. Comprehensive data are available on the employment status, occupation, and industry of persons 15 years old and over. Also shown are personal characteristics such as age, sex, race, marital status, veteran status, household relationship, educational background, and Hispanic origin.

The Contingent Work Supplement questions were asked of all applicable persons age 15 years and older. The file contains information on contingent or temporary work that a person does without expecting continuing employment from the particular employer they happen to be working for. Also included is information about each worker's expectation of continuing employment, satisfaction with their current employment arrangement, current job history, transition into the current employment arrangement, search for other employment, employee benefits, and earnings.

### **Geographic Coverage**

States, regions and divisions are identified in their entirety. Within confidentiality restrictions; indicators are provided for consolidated metropolitan statistical areas (CMSA), 173 selected metropolitan statistical areas (MSA), 69 selected primary metropolitan statistical areas (PMSA), 217 counties, and 41 central cities in multi-central city metropolitan statistical areas or primary metropolitan statistical areas. Also within confidentiality restrictions, indicators are provided for metropolitan/nonmetropolitan, central city/balance metropolitan, MSA/CMSA size and MSA/PMSA size.

## Technical Description

**File Structure:** Rectangular.

**File Size:** 134,378 logical records; 1,257 character logical record length.

**File Sort Sequence:** State rank by CMSA/MSA rank by household identification number by line number.

## Reference Materials

*Current Population Survey, February 1997: Contingent Work Supplement Technical Documentation.* Documentation contains this abstract, including ordering information, overview, definitions, questionnaire facsimiles, code lists, and record layouts of the file. One copy accompanies each file order. Additional copies are available from Administrative and Customer Services Division, Customer Services, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

Bureau of the Census. *The Current Population Survey Design and Methodology* (Technical Paper 40) (out of print). Describes in detail the sample design and survey procedures used as well as accuracy of estimates and sampling errors. Reference copies should be available from most public libraries or Federal Depository Libraries. It also is available on microfiche and microfiche paperprints from Customer Services, Administrative and Customer Services Division, Bureau of the Census, Washington, D.C. 20233.

## File Availability

The file may be ordered from Administrative and Customer Services Division using the Customer Services order form on the following page. It is available on 9-track tape reel (ASCII or EBCDIC, labeled or unlabeled, 6250 bpi). The file also can be made available on IBM 3480 compatible tape cartridge or CD-R (compact disc-recordable) in ASCII format.